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Eastern District of Tennessee  
At Greenville

Hon. Clifton Corker  
Via Hand Delivery

Re: Qualls v. Hawkins County Board of Education, No. 2:22-CV-DCLC-CRW

Dear Judge Corker:

On November 9, 2023 it was my privilege to lead the parties in the above-referenced case, along with the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, through mediation. I am pleased to report that the parties worked extremely hard and were able to reach a resolution of all issues, including DOJ concerns that had yet to be formally asserted.

As a result of the mediated agreement an Order of Dismissal, along with a Consent Decree entered by DOJ and the Defendant will be forthcoming. You may remove this case from your trial schedule.

In addition, the pending Motion for Summary Judgment need not be decided and is withdrawn in light of the agreed disposition of all issues. If you have any questions or if I may further assist the Court in this matter, please let me know.

Very Truly Yours,

/s Thomas J. Wright

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